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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re Application of

Yukio MAKI

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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE SAME

LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated June 30, 2003, the Examiner indicated in the Office Action Summary that claims 1 through 6 were rejected. However, the Examiner only rejected claim 1 in the "DETAILED ACTION". Moreover, claim 2 was previously cancelled.

Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to clarify the record by issuing a new Office Action apprising Applicants as to the basis for denying patentability of claims 3 through 6. It is also requested that the Examiner reset the period of response to begin from the date the new Office Action is mailed. See MPEP 710.06.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this

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paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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